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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF, SERVICES BRANCH

Subject: Delegation of Authority

1. We are sending you another draft of your proposed delegations, containing some changes we are suggesting. The changes are indicated by underlining.
2. In the introductory paragraph, we are calling him the Director of Central Intelligence, as that was the wording of the original delegation. We have changed "hereinbefore" to "heretofore", as "hereinbefore" suggests something contained above in the same document. We have added "unless otherwise specified", as we have provided a specific recision in paragraph A. We suggest renumbering, as indicated, to prevent confusion in reference and because there appear to us to be four separate and distinct redelegations.
3. In A, we have included the restriction on payments by a single remittance, as exceptions to this have been made from time to time in the past for other departments, and it should be clear to the contracting officers, the other parties to the contract, and the GAO that we do not possess any exception. The recision at the end of A is merely to clear up former delegations to positions which no longer exist and prevent any confusion as to the authorized title and signature.
4. In paragraph B, we suggest changing the "and" to "or"; otherwise, it might be construed to mean that the authorized officer of the Supply Division and the Chief, Real Estate and Utilities Section would both have to act together to place orders. We have used the phrase "place orders for" in order to use the language of the statute and to specify more precisely what they are authorized to do.
5. In C, we have left out "at his own discretion" as unnecessary and again have used the phrase "may place orders" with * * * for the performance of" for the same reason as in B, above.

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6. We are suggesting a revision of D on a somewhat technical basis. If there were not prior delegations to the persons concerned, they could not exercise power and authority but merely take action. Since such action could have been authorized by prior redelegation, we think it is proper now for the redelegating authority to ratify those actions.

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